[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

the cess shall absolve the ryots interested from payment of their portion of the cost of such work where such payment is otherwise leviable, and also from the duty of maintaining the work under Section 13."

I ask whether the question of levying irrigation cess arises before the work is undertaken?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The enquiry relating to the levy of cess may in some cases be commenced even before the construction of the work, although the actual levy is made after the work is done.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know what are those works about which enquiries have been made before the construction of the work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): If it is the desire of the member to have a list of works in respect of which the enquiry as regards the proposed levy has been started, then I may say that information has to be obtained from the officers concerned. It is not available just now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): All that I want is a list of works, the construction of which is dependent on the interested ryots agreeing to pay cess.

PRESIDENT: Do you mean pending works?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I mean works which are to be executed?

PRESIDENT: In the future?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How are we to know, Sir, what are the works which are to be executed? Some proposals are pending before the Government.

PRESIDENT: That is, you mean pending proposals.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Yes

PRESIDENT: Your question is vague.

Statement, by caste, of Officers of the Public Works Department on Rs. 250 and above.

155. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Officers of the Public Works Department drawing a monthly salary of Rs. 250 and above?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

The Alleppey-Cochin Road.

156. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware that the Alleppey-Arur road and the Cochin Government's portion of the road on the other side of Arur have been completed and opened for traffic?

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(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state what steps have been taken for ferry service between Arur and Eda Cochin points?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Expenditure on public works pending sanction.

157. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any Executive Engineer or Engineers spent money in 1104 on works that had not been sanctioned;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, (i) the name of such Engineer or Engineers and (ii) the work or works for which money was thus spent without sanction;

(*c*) the period with dates during which such work or works were executed;

(*d*) whether such expenditure without sanction is allowed by the rules;

(*e*) the date or dates on which such unauthorised expenditure came to the notice of the Chief Engineer;

(*f*) whether the Chief Engineer inspected such works, and, if so, the dates of such inspection;

(*g*) whether periodical returns of the works done and the amounts spent on them are submitted to the Chief Engineer by the Executive Engineers;

(*h*) the dates on which the returns were received by the Chief Engineer in which the above-said unauthorised work or works were mentioned;

(*i*) the nature of the action, if any, the Chief Engineer took in respect of the conduct of such work or works, when they were brought to his notice; and

(*j*) what action, if any, has been taken by the Chief Engineer and the Government in regard to the conduct of such Executive Engineer or Engineers and the dates of taking such action?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) (i) Ag. Executive Engineer Mr. George Philip.

(ii) Improvement and widening works to roads in the Kottayam P. W. Division.

(*c*) Mostly prior to the 1st Medam 1104.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) 24th June 1929.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes; but the returns did not show separately the works unauthorisedly done as they were temporarily charged to maintenance.

(*h*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*g*).

(*i*) The Chief Engineer has instructed Mr. V. Harihara Aiyar the present Ag. Executive Engineer, Kottayam, to inspect and check-measure the works done.

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